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Re:

Patentability Search Regarding

Apparatus and Method for Debit-Based Payment Processing

Our Reference: 06556,0003-00000

Dear Mitch:

I was referred to you by my colleague, Tom Martin. After you have had a chance to review these materials, I would appreciate it if you would call me at (202) 408-4392 to verify receipt.

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It would be helpful if you could provide us with the results of the search in three weeks. Unless you advise me otherwise, I assume that the cost of the search will be approximately \$600.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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